

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted with a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review and a Pre-Appeal Brief.

Claims 5-8 and 10-14, 18 are being canceled to place the present application in better form for appeal. Claims 1-2 and 9 were previously canceled. Claims 3-4 and 15-17 remain pending for appeal.

Cancellation of those claims in this application does not mean that the applicants agree with the Examiner's rejections. Rather, applicants reserve the right to file, present, and prosecute those claims in one or more continuation applications.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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